

## Section 4 Notetaking Study Guide

**Question to Think About** As you read Section 4, keep this question in mind:  
**How did Mormon settlement and the gold rush lead to changes in the West?**

► Use these charts to record key information from the section.

### Mormons Move West

#### Seeking Refuge

The Mormon Church was founded by Joseph Smith in 1830. Hostility forced the Mormons to move from \_\_\_\_\_ to Ohio, and then to \_\_\_\_\_. After \_\_\_\_\_ was murdered, \_\_\_\_\_ led the Mormons to the valley of Utah's \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Conflict With the Government

Utah became part of the United States in \_\_\_\_\_. The Mormons almost immediately came into conflict with the U.S. government over three issues:

1. Problem: \_\_\_\_\_  
Solution: Congress took away control of elections from the Mormon Church.
  2. Problem: \_\_\_\_\_  
Solution: Church leaders agreed to stop favoring Mormon-owned businesses.
  3. Problem: Polygamy, which is \_\_\_\_\_,  
was illegal in the United States.  
Solution: \_\_\_\_\_
- Finally, in \_\_\_\_\_, Utah became a state.

### The California Gold Rush

#### Gold Is Discovered

In January \_\_\_\_\_, gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill near Sacramento. Fortune seekers, called \_\_\_\_\_, came to California in search of gold. In just two years, the population of settlers in California zoomed from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Miners and Mining Towns

Mining towns supplied miners with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Since California was not yet a state, federal law did not apply within mining towns, so \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, punished people for crimes.

#### California's Changing Population

During the gold rush, people from \_\_\_\_\_, Asia, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ came to California. Chinese workers faced \_\_\_\_\_ and were usually hired only for \_\_\_\_\_. Some southerners brought their slaves to California, but slavery did not take root because \_\_\_\_\_. California's Native American population declined by about \_\_\_\_\_ thirds during the gold rush. Its people were killed by \_\_\_\_\_ gangs who wanted their land. By 1850, only \_\_\_\_\_ percent of Californians were \_\_\_\_\_.

Refer to this page to answer the Chapter 13 Focus Question on page 211.